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Tamil Nadu Acts and Ordinances

The following Ordinance which was promulgated by the Governor on the 25th April 2020 is hereby published for general information:—

TAMIL NADU ORDINANCE No. 1 OF 2020.

An Ordinance further to amend the Tamil Nadu Public Health Act, 1939.

WHEREAS the Legislative Assembly of the State is not in session and the Governor of Tamil Nadu is satisfied that circumstances exist which render it necessary for him to take immediate action for the purposes hereinafter appearing;

NOW, THEREFORE, in exercise of the powers conferred by clause (1) of Article 213 of the Constitution, the Governor hereby promulgates the following Ordinance:-

1. (1) This Ordinance may be called the Tamil Nadu Public Health (Amendment) Ordinance, 2020.

Short title and
commence-
ment.

(2) It shall come into force at once.

Tamil Nadu Act III
of 1939.

2. In Section 74 of the Tamil Nadu Public Health Act, 1939, the following sub-section shall be added, namely:-

Amendment of
section 74.

“(6) Any person who, either by himself or as a member of a group, obstructs or prevents or attempts to obstruct or prevent the cremation or burial of the body of any person who has died while suffering from a notified disease shall be punished with imprisonment for a term which shall not be less than one year but which may extend to three years and with fine.”.

25th April 2020.

BANWARILAL PUROHIT,
Governor of Tamil Nadu.

EXPLANATORY STATEMENT

Certain incidents of public obstructing the burial or cremation of deceased persons who had died due to COVID-19 have been brought to the notice of the Government. Such acts cause indignity to the human corpse, which is highly condemnable. The Government have therefore decided to make such acts a punishable offence and accordingly decided to amend the Tamil Nadu Public Health Act, 1939 (Tamil Nadu Act III of 1939) for the purpose.

2. The Ordinance seeks to give effect to the above decision.

(By Order of the Governor)

C. GOPI RAVIKUMAR,
Secretary to Government,
Law Department.